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30 January 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR Commandant, Quartermaster Center and School, Office of the Quartermaster General, Regimental Office ATTN: President, DMOR Board, Fort Lee, VA 23801

SUBJECT: Selection and Recognition as a Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment

- 1. Mr. Walt Yurcaba has my highest recommendations to be nominated as a Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment. Mr. Yurcaba's greatest impact on his professional field has been the training he provides to quartermaster warrant officers at the United States Army Quartermaster Center and School. He is one of the most talented DA civilian I have ever worked with who cares deeply about our country.
- 2. Serving in a new role as Chief over the Logistics Support Activity's Help Desk, Mr. Yurcaba introduced the Logistic Support Activity's (LOGSA) product training to the schoolhouse at the Warrant Officer Training Division. Mr. Yurcaba and his Help Desk staff supported and trained the new LOGSA developed web based Parts Tracker application to a customer base consisting of over 5,000 Army field users, providing focused parts status in a simple and intuitive format.
- 3. He is an exceptional technician and multi-functional logistician who amassed a record of success in the classroom that is unmatched in both volume and quality of instruction. The overwhelming success of his efforts was realized as thousands of the Logistics Integrated Data Base (LIDB) and WebLOG users accessed LOGSA's corporate databases and web sites while engaged in the Global War on Terrorism.
- 4. I strongly recommend that Mr. Walter Yurcaba be selected and inducted as a Distinguished Member of the Ouartermaster Regiment.
- 5. I can be reached by the following means:

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USAMC LOGISTICS SUPPORT ACTIVITY REDSTONE ARSENAL, AL 35898-7466

January 3, 2007

Soldier Support Center

Office of the Quartermaster General US Army Quartermaster Center and School ATTN: President, DMQR Board Fort Lee, Virginia 23801-5032

Dear Mr. President:

It is with great pleasure that I provide this recommendation for Mr. Walter V. Yurcaba to be inducted into the Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Yurcaba has amassed over 23 years within the Army Materiel Command to include service with the Depot Systems Command, the Logistics Support Activity, the Systems Integration and Management Activity, and now with the Logistics Support Activity for 13 years providing direct logistics support to the Warfighter as well as national and field level logisticians around the world.

His assignments have included technical, logistical, as well as supervisory. Throughout all his varied assignments Mr. Yurcaba's main interest has always been as an individual who enjoyed teaching his trade and sharing his vast knowledge of logistics and logistics management. He has worked over eight years in partnership with the US Army Quartermaster School providing tailored programs of instruction supporting Warrant Officer Basic and Advanced courses.

Mr. Yurcaba possesses the dedication, expertise, ability, and desire to support Warfighter's around the globe. His efforts have contributed directly to ensuring our Soldier's have the best logistics information and analysis available today. I heartily recommend Mr. Yurcaba be inducted into the Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment immediately.

Please contact me at DSN 897-2455, commercial (256) 313-2455, if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Nicholas M. Mikus

Chief, Soldier Support Center Adapt - Overcome - Execute!

#### DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE REGIMENT

#### **BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

NAME: Walter Victor Yurcaba

**GRADE**: GS 346-13

**ACTIVE SERVICE DATES:** 31 October 1983 to present. **ADDRESS**: 103 Tidwell Drive, Huntsville, AL 35806.

Telephone Number: (256) 313-6027

#### LIST OF SIGNIFICANT MILITARY DECORATIONS:

Commander's Award for Civilian Service, 04/1999, 01/1999, Special award, Quartermaster General, Quartermaster Center and School 03/2004

#### **EDUCATION:**

BA, Cum Laude, Political Science, University of Baltimore, Baltimore MD, 1982 AA, Political Science, Harford Community College, Bel Air MD, 1980 Acquisition Basic Course, ALMC, 2005 Logistics Executive Development, 1992 AMC Supply Management Intern Program, 1984

#### LIST OF SIGNIFICANT ASSIGNMENTS/DUTY POSITIONS:

1983 - 1984 Supply Management Intern with the AMC Intern Training Center, Texarkana, TX.

1984 - 1986 Supply Systems Analyst with the Directorate for Supply, Maintenance and Transportation, AMC Headquarters Depot Systems Command (HQDESCOM), Chambersburg, PA.

1986 - 1999 Systems Analyst with the Directorate for Acquisition Systems, AMC Logistics Programs Support Activity (LPSA), Chambersburg, PA.

1999 - 1993 Acquisition Systems Analyst with the Directorate for Business Information Systems, AMC Systems Integration Management Activity (SIMA), St. Louis, MO.

1993 - 1996 Systems Analyst with the Major Item Information Center, AMC Logistics Support Activity (LOGSA), Chambersburg, PA.

1996 – 1997 Supply Systems Analyst, with the Major Item Center, AMC Logistics Support Activity (LOGSA), Huntsville, AL.

1997 - 1998 Chief, Distribution Execution Team, Major Item Center, AMC Logistics Support Activity (LOGSA), Huntsville, AL.

1998 -1999 Chief, Systems Support Team, Asset Visibility Center, AMC Logistics Support Activity (LOGSA), Huntsville, AL

2000 - 2004 Chief, Soldier Support Team, Asset Visibility Center, AMC Logistics Support Activity (LOGSA), Huntsville, AL.

2004 - 2005 Acting Chief, National Channel, Soldier Support Center, AMC Logistics Support Activity (LOGSA), Huntsville, AL

2005 - Present Senior Logistics Management Specialist with the Enterprise Integration Center (EIC), AMC Logistics Support Activity (LOGSA), Huntsville, AL.

#### Walter V. Yurcaha

#### Candidate's Significant Contributions to the OMC

The recognition of Mr. Walt Yurcaba reflects excellence in a most appropriate manner. Mr. Yurcaba currently has twenty-three years of service with the Army Materiel Command (AMC). His duty assignments include service with HQ Depot Systems Command (HQ DESCOM), Systems Integration and Management Activity (SIMA) and the Logistics Support Activity (LOGSA). While serving as a senior member of the LOGSA's staff, he provided direct logistics support to national and field level logisticians across the Army.

Mr. Yurcaba was instrumental in the development and fielding of the desk top decision support system, also known as Requisition Validation Redistribution System (RVARS). The RVARS was specifically designed to assist property book officers, state, MACOM and DA staff in cross-leveling and redistributing major end items.

As Chief of the System Support Team, he significantly improved access to the Army's corporate extraction asset data base. Specifically, he provided assistance to the Army Total Asset Visibility (TAV) and Distribution Execution System (DES) Help Desk and served as product manager for design changes to legacy applications supporting a tactical user base of over 4,000 customers. Understanding the critical need to train quartermaster soldiers, he began a six year training partnership with the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School that delivered tailored LOGSA's product training to the Warrant Officer Advance and Basic Courses.

Serving in a new role as Chief of LOGSA's Pipeline Help Desk, Mr. Yurcaba and his help desk staff supported and trained the new LOGSA web based Parts Tracker application. This new application built a customer base of over 5,000 Army field users. His integrated Logistics Integrated Data Base (LIDB), WebLOG and Pipeline Help Desks supported and trained a customer base of over 15,000 users. In addition to Warrant Officer Training, Mr. Yurcaba expanded LOGSA's products to the Quartermaster Combined Logistics Captains Career Course (CLC3). He also incorporated new web based training to the CSS Pre-Command Course Program of Instructions (POIs) at the Army Logistics Management College (ALMC). Mr. Yurcaba is an exceptional technician and multi-functional logistician who amassed a record of success in the classroom that is unmatched in both volume and quality of instruction. The overwhelming success of his efforts was became evident as thousands of LIDB and WebLOG users accessed LOGSA's corporate databases and web sites as the Army engaged in the Global War on Terrorism.

Mr. Yurcaba also served as LOGSA's representative on the Department of the Army Equipping Integrated Process Team. In this role, he initiated and completed over sixty engineering change proposals which helped improve the accuracy of LOGSA's asset and authorization processes. His initiative, drive and determination increased visibility of Theater Provided Equipment (TPE) in the Central Command (CENTCOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR) Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan.

### Continuation: Walter V. Yurcaba / Candidate's Significant Contributions to the QMC

On 8 January 2006, Mr. Yurcaba led a LOGSA support team to South West Asia (Kuwait and Iraq) to assist forwardly deployed organizations with readiness reporting issues. On his return, he initiated several development requests that improved asset visibility of AMC's Army Propositioned Stocks. CW5 Brown's initiative and drive in property accountability established precedence and provided a clearly defined new paradigm that continues to be used to day and into the future. As a result of his untiring diligence and commitment, total asset visibility in the AOR was increased by 90 %.

Mr. Walt Yurcaba was recognized by the LOGSA commander for his service educating officers at the United States Army Quartermaster Center and School. Mr. Walt Yurcaba is definitely deserving of this great honor and represents everything that is right about the Distinguished Member of the Quartermaster Regiment.

# **Blue Force Tracking to**

## System helps identify friendly forces

By TIMOTHY L. RIDER

Army News Service

FORT MONMOUTH, N.J.

— Military services plan to share unit location data better by installing tens of thousands more of the systems used by the coalition to track forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Many of the "knowledge

gaps" that have historically contributed to battlefield confusion and fratricide would be eliminated with the new Blue Force Tracking systems, BFT program officials said. They said the systems will be fielded through cooperative efforts between the Army's logistics community, the Air Force and Marines.

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The BFT system consists of a computer, satellite antenna and Global Positioning System receiver. The system displays the location of the host vehicle



Courtesy photo

### Instructor award

Walt Yurcaba of Logistics Support Activity is recognized for six years of service as a LOGSA instructor for the Quarter-master Center and School, Fort Lee, Va. Making the presentation is Col. Kurt Weidenthal, LOGSA commander.